



Brothers and Sisters,

Each year we are asked by our bishop to support the proclamation of Gospel and the nurturing of the Catholic faith in our diocese. This is done through the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). This appeal is a way for the bishop to ensure that funds are available to assist the 107 parishes in the diocese in a variety of ways: religious education, youth programs and summer camps, education and formation of future priests, Catholic Charity outreach to the poor and disadvantaged, ministry to college students who attend secular universities in our diocese, etc.

The funds for the CMA come from parishioners like you who receive from the CMA through a number of parish ministries. You may think, why does this money have to leave our parish and why is not kept here for those ministries, programs, and assistance? The answer is two-fold. First, we are a church and a faith that looks out beyond ourselves and gives, in the spirit of love, to aid and build up the faith where every it is needed. Some of the money comes back to us, for example, my education and formation to be a priest and your pastor was funded by the CMA. Secondly, some ministries and programs need greater resources than one single parish could provide to care for the poor and build up the faith in Southern Minnesota. The CMA is our opportunity to join the bishop in a universal work of charity that affects our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the whole diocese.

For those of you who made gifts to the CMA, thank you for your generosity. For those who are still considering their gift, please ask the Holy Spirit for a grace of generosity then give the gift that you are able to give with joy. In the Letter to the Hebrews, we find these encouraging words: *“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for sacrifices are pleasing to God.”*

Let us build up the faith together with worship and praises to God, heartfelt prayer, and the sharing of the fruits of our labor.

God bless you,

Fr. Tom

◆ **Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation**

Saturdays	8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	St. Joseph
	3:30 p.m.	Immaculate Conception
Sundays	7:30 a.m.	St. Peter

◆ **Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery Mass: September 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.**

Please join us for Mass. It is a custom in the Catholic Church to celebrate Mass at the graves of the deceased. Come pray with us for our beloved deceased.



**First Friday Devotions:**

Every First Friday join us for 8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph followed by praying of the Litany of the Sacred Heart, Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Benediction.

**Immaculate Conception, Saturday, Sept. 18th 4:30PM - +John & +Selina Nikunen**

**St. Peter, Sunday, Sept. 19th 8:00AM - For the Parishioners**

**St. Joseph, Sunday, Sept. 19th 10:00AM - +Joe & +Ione McManimon**

**St. Peter, Tuesday, Sept. 21st 8:25AM - +Ardell Schaffer**

**St. Joseph, Wednesday, Sept. 22nd 8:30AM - +Helen Novlan**

**St. Peter, Thursday, Sept. 23rd 8:25AM - +Bernie Feldmeier**

**St. Joseph, Friday, Sept. 24th 8:30AM - +Lowell Onsgard**

**Immaculate Conception, Saturday, Sept. 25th 4:30PM - +Ernie & +Doris Duffney**

**St. Peter, Sunday, Sept. 26th 8:00AM - +Fred & +Geneva Burckart**

**St. Joseph, Sunday, Sept. 26th 10:00AM - For the Parishioners**



## St. Joseph Church News:

- **The CCW will have a meeting after mass today Sunday, Sept. 19.** All women of the parish are invited to come and share their ideas.
- **On Wednesday, Sept. 22 at 4:00. We plan to clean the Education Center** in preparation for the children resuming Faith Formation classes. Anyone in the parish is invited to help with this project. There will be cleaning and repairs to be done. Let's get the building ready together.
- **CCW bake and garden sale will be part of the Taste of the Trail on September 25 from 10-2.** All women of the Parish are invited to shared their goods for the sale. Anything left we be available for sale after mass Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> during the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast.
- **St. Joseph Pancake Breakfast: September 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph** The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus are cooking you breakfast. Pancakes someone else cooks and then cleans up, what's not to like! **All proceeds going to the Vern McManimon-Myer Family**
- **St. Joseph's Swiss Steak Dinner** is scheduled for Sunday, **October 17th.** **Please come and join us.**



## St. Joseph – Liturgical Schedule

**September 26th @ 10:00AM**

Lector — Susan

Ushers — Jacob & Steve F.

Rosary — Norb

## St. Peter – Liturgical Schedule

• **Sunday, September 26th @ 8:00AM**

Lector— Georgia Von Arx

Ushers— Mike Ross & Tony Miller

Servers— Owen & Marian Von Arx and Evan Horihan

Greeter — Joe Horihan

Rosary— Aaron Franta



## St. Peter's Roast Beef Dinner Saturday, October 9, 2021

We are excited to announce we will be having our Annual Roast Beef Dinner this year!! Please save the date for Oct. 9, 2021. We will need volunteer assistance from Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> through Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> for various jobs. It really takes many volunteers to make this a success. If you are new to our parish, we would be grateful for any help that you can give us. Please call Carolyn at 608-769-3093. Thank You!!



## St. Peter School News

**KC Marathon**....paperwork was sent home last week. Our goal is to eliminate our Football Mania fundraiser and increase our KC Marathon contributions. Hopefully we can do this so we can eliminate a fundraiser. Keep getting those pledges!

Picture Day...is scheduled next week on Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Free and Reduced Forms**.....please fill out these forms if you qualify for Free and Reduced lunches. Even though we have free hot lunch this year, the Free and Reduced forms are used by the State to figure out how much money we receive for Title funds.

**Yearbook Volunteer**....looking for someone to put together the annual yearbook. Camera is 2 years old and in great shape. You can have students take pictures of events if you want. Mainly need someone to organize the pictures in the yearbook and make sure the events are covered. Please email [principal@stpetershokah.org](mailto:principal@stpetershokah.org) if you can help out.

**PTO**.....looking for PTO reps for each grade if possible. Karah Anderson re-started the PTO last year and we would like more parents to be on PTO. Mainly work on fundraising activities like KC Marathon, Extravaganza, Sweet Lou BBQ, etc. Please email [principal@stpetershokah.org](mailto:principal@stpetershokah.org) if you are interested.

Our Annual Roast Beef Dinner is October 9th and **St. Peter's School is looking for donations for the Country Market to sell in the Church Lobby during meal sales.** Ideas include: baked goods, canned goods, jams/jellies, fresh garden goods, or handmade crafts. Items can be dropped off in the Church Lobby starting Thursday October 7. We can price items or you can too. We are excited to bring back the Market and hope to see you there!

**Important Dates**.... (Volleyball home games are at Crucifixion gym.)

9/20 NWEA testing begins

9/21 8:25 am, mass

3:45 pm, Volleyball @ Blessed Sacrament

**Picture day**

**9/22 Picture day**

9/23 8:25 am, mass

5:00 pm, Volleyball vs BGC

9/25 KC Marathon

9/28 8:25 am, mass

5:30 pm, Volleyball vs Holmen

9/30 8:25 am, mass

4:00 pm, Volleyball vs St Stans